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Dr. Paul Coates has directed the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) since 1999 in its mission to strengthen knowledge and understanding of dietary supplements. He oversees a range of initiatives and programs that support research and the training of investigators, as well as the development of research tools and information resources; through these, he has established ODS as a strong and authoritative voice for rigorous science in dietary supplements and related areas of nutrition. In 2011, he received the prestigious Conrad A. Elvehjem Award from the American Society for Nutrition for public service in nutrition. He is lead editor of the authoritative Encyclopedia of Dietary Supplements, now in its second edition, and associate editor of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. He also currently serves as Acting Associate Director of the NIH Office of Disease Prevention. From 1975 to 1993, prior to his career at NIH, Dr. Coates was on the faculty of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine as Research Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Biochemistry/Biophysics. His Ph.D. in human genetics was awarded by Queen's University in Canada, followed by postdoctoral training in the Department of Human Genetics and Biometry at University College London.